



**SANTA BARBARA  
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MODELERS**

# UPDATE



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The SANTA BARBARA RADIO CONTROL MODELERS INC. is incorporated in the State of California as Chapter 797 of the ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS (AMA).

The purpose of this club is to promote the hobby of model aviation in a safe and enjoyable manner.

Regular meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at the Santa Barbara Airport Visitor's Center, 45 Hartley Place (off of Hollister at David Love Place). Everyone is welcome at our meetings. Please phone or e-mail any officer for further information.

## Next Club Meeting

**6:30 pm** Thursday, August 6, 2015  
Santa Barbara Airport Visitors Center  
45 Hartley Place, Goleta, CA

*Help make the monthly meetings as interesting as possible. Contact Fred Wudl at [wudl@chem.ucsb.edu](mailto:wudl@chem.ucsb.edu) if you can contribute with a "show and tell", a good story, a guest speaker, building tips or disasters, etc. It will be appreciated.*

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**NOTICE:**  
**Club BBQ at the August 6 meeting:**  
**Come for a delicious BBQ Tri-tip dinner**  
**with the usual fixings, prepared by**  
**master chefs Milt and Dale. NO**  
**CHARGE. Food served at 6:30 PM**  
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## President's Message



First I'd like to thank Jim Kolanek for taking over, yet again, while I was out of the country for the July meeting.

The BBQ will be on August 6, just before our next meeting. I expect the meeting to be pretty short. If you haven't done so yet, please email or call Dale Byers (967-8822) or Milt McIntosh (967-0201) to let them know if you'll be partaking of their culinary delights.

After Sven pointed out to Tom and me that the Elings Park organization had MORE THAN DOUBLED their

fee to \$125 and that they posted a sign prohibiting “drones”, I stopped by their office to learn more about this. It turns out that they doubled the fees for ALL activities. The most expensive activities are tennis and model airplane RC flying. I did not get a chance to discuss this with Mike Nelson because he is on an extended vacation (return expected August 10). I believe we should consider all our options regarding Elings Park at the September meeting because there is no point in coming up with arguments until I have spoken with Mike.

I’m looking forward to the BBQ and hope to see all of you there.

Fred

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## Club Meeting Minutes Jul 2, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Vice-President Jim Kolanek. President Fred Wudl was on travel. A total of 11 members and no guests were present.

### Old Business:

- Treasurer’s Report: Lloyd Gibbs reported that the club has \$25287.00 in the checking account.
- Membership update: Two new members joined this last month, bringing the total membership to 79.
- Elings Park: Fred has been negotiating with the Elings Park management to gain approval to improve the runway by putting a layer of decomposed granite over the dirt. Initial feedback is cautiously positive, but concurrence from the hang gliding school is required, as well as potential County approval. More follow-up is required. Walter Naumann reported that he recently applied for the use permit for the park and it is now \$125/year. Also, he was told by someone from the hang glider school that he cannot fly his quad copter at Elings Park. We have not previously heard of such a restriction, so this needs to be run to ground as well.
- Fun Fly: Milt McIntosh gave a report on the fun fly that was held on June 7. It was well-attended, and all had a good time. Milt commented on the poor landing skills exhibited by most of the participants, where all but 3 missed the runway for the climb and glide event. He suggested that members may want to do some landing practice before the next event. The only crash of the day was Fred Wudl’s airplane, caused by a bad servo. Tom Wolf nearly crashed during the one minute loops, when he

snapped out of the bottom of a loop at low altitude, missing the ground by inches, at the most.

- Cub Scout Summer Camp Presentation: On June 22, Tom Wolf and Fred Wudl gave a presentation about RC flying and the SBRCM to a group of about 60 cub scouts at the summer camp being hosted by the Church of Latter Day Saints on Santa Barbara Street. The scouts were very interested in the models on display and asked a lot of questions. Several scouts already have park flyer RC planes and a few even have helicopters. There was much interest in arranging a field trip to our flying site to watch some RC flying and do some flying with the club’s buddy box equipped trainer.

### New Business:

- T-28 Race: There will be a T-28 race on July 26. Scott Loepkey is the CD.
- Next month’s meeting is the annual BBQ meeting. The plan is to serve tri-tip and the usual trimmings. Food will be served at 6:30. There is no charge.
- Refreshments: There was no need for a volunteer because the August meeting is the annual BBQ.

### Show and Tell:

- There were no airplanes for show and tell.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 PM.

*Submitted by:  
Tom Wolf,  
SBRCM Secretary*

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## Member Spotlight: Glenn Dorfman



I grew up in Oakland and came to Santa Barbara in 1969 for the surfing, girls and oh yes, a higher education that culminated with being in the first graduating class of the Ventura College of Law in 1976. During law school I lived in Summerland,

worked in the liquor store, dabbled in RC airplanes and even hung out at Moore Mesa for a while. I was a frustrated student pilot at that time because after a few weeks of flight lessons and qualification for solo, I failed the medical exam on a technicality relating to a childhood injury. I also lived on a sailboat in the Santa Barbara harbor for a time and sailed to Hawaii from Santa Barbara on a 40 foot wood boat with no electronics, reliable navigation or even a self-steering system. Somehow we found Honolulu after 22 days at sea. Sailboat cruising to the local islands and Caribbean locations continues to this day.

I married a beautiful girl from Sweden in 1974, have had some luck with the legal career and raised two sons who have their own families now. From the beginning, however, we would travel back to Sweden every couple of years and this led to a lifelong interest in World travel. After many trips to Scandinavia and most of Europe, Russia, India and Nepal, Egypt, Israel, South America, Japan and many other areas, we are now well down the bucket list and will be leaving for South Africa on July 4. We have cruised around Cape Horn at the bottom of South America, and now plan to take a selfie when I am standing on



Enjoying the overlook above Capetown



*Cape of Good Hope! The most southern point on the continent of Africa*

the Cape of Good Hope at the bottom of Africa. I am also proud of my trip back to Israel in October 2014, shortly after the Gaza fight, when I suited up and volunteered two weeks of labor on an Israeli army base under the auspices of Volunteers for Israel.



About 16 years ago I made acquaintance with Gordon Smith, one of the stalwart founding members of our club, who renewed my interest in model airplanes. Gordon helped me build my early models and introduced me to the SBRCM. Gino Ceriale was also instrumental in me staying with the hobby because the routine was for me to get incredibly frustrated with some building problem that I thought was unsolvable, then I would pack up and go see Gordon or Gino, who would do their magic and solve the problem. I think I took up serious RC airplane building and piloting too late in life to become any more proficient than I am, but membership in the club and friendships with fellow members has been and will continue to be an important mainstay in my life.

Glenn

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## New Projects:

*If you have a new project that you would like to be featured in the Newsletter, send the editor a short description of your project along with a few photographs.*

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## T-28 Pylon Race

July 26, 2015

CD: Scott Loepkey

Last Sunday we held our 4th T-28 race of the year. Weather was great with a little overcast to start and then Sunshine. It never got too hot! I knew there were several guys that would normally race that were not going to make it, so I was hoping to have enough to hold the event. Nine guys showed up and that gave us a race.

In the first round, Kirk Benedetto won his heat, Jamie Vincent won his and Joel Krueger won his. Joel had the fastest plane of the field. We had one casualty in the first round: Milt and Archy bumped each other during their heat. Both planes flew away, but both had sustained damage. Archy's plane was repairable while Milt's, not so much.

In the second round, being that we were down to 8 planes, we flew two 4 plane races. Jim Kolanek won his race with Jamie winning his. Joel had a DNF when his prop went missing and Bernie challenged the ground and as usual, the ground won!

The third round had the two best races of the day. Jim, Jamie and Joel were in the first race. Joel jumped out to his typical fast start lead with Jim in 2nd and Jamie in 3rd. Joel had a real good lead, but Jim kept pecking away with the best flying I have seen him do and grabbed the lead and victory at the finish line! Awesome Race! The second race included Kirk, Rick and Archy. Kirk jumped into the lead, but neither Rick or Archy were going to let him walk away with. With 1 lap to go, Archy grabbed the lead and won the race, but was called for several cuts giving the win back to Kirk and 2nd place to Rick.

The main event was looking like it was going to be a real showdown with Jim, Joel, Kirk and Jamie. All four pilots were flying really well! Joel jumped into the lead right away (his plane is fast), Kirk and Jamie were staying in pursuit and Jim was having a little trouble controlling his plane. It turns out that he had inadvertently flipped his controls into high rate and it took a few laps before he figured that out. Kirk and Jamie were having a great battle until Jamie challenged the ground in the same spot that Bernie did with the same results. Joel had a good lead, but Kirk was holding his own and Jim, who had fixed his issues was getting back into it. Unfortunately, Jim decided to test the structural integrity of pylon #2 and found it to still be sound. So the final results were Joel winning with Kirk 2nd. I want to thank the pilots who flew and all of the club members that came out to help. It was a lot of FUN!!

Scotty



*Joel Krueger: First Place*

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## Around and About



*New member Lance Hunsucker ripping up the sky*



*Which way is up? Kenny Hill's chopper in action*



*New member Tim Gottermayer*



*The tables are full in the pit area on Sundays. A popular day to fly!*



*Jim Kolanek prepares his large electric B-25 for another awesome flight. The plane features retracts, bomb bay and other scale features.*





*Gene Ceriale tries out his new Flight Director's chair, donated by Ron Cooper. Paul Ceriale looks on.*



*Doug Cowin enjoying another beautiful day for flying.*



*Dale Byer's new floater*



*Blast from the past. Some close AT6 pylon racing at the San Marcos Camp flying field, circa early 1990s. TJ Moran is leading, Tom Wolf in second, and Tom Protheroe in third.*

## **SBRCM Events**

|             |                                       |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| 8/6         | BBQ and Club Meeting, 6:30 PM         |
| 8/21-8/23   | Float Fly (CANCELLED)                 |
| 8/23        | Fun Fly at San Lucas Ranch            |
| 9/3         | Club Meeting, 6:30 PM                 |
| 9/27        | T-28 Race San Lucas Ranch             |
| 10/1        | Club Meeting / Auction, 6:30 PM       |
| 10/23-10/25 | Float Fly (CANCELLED)                 |
| 10/25       | Fun Fly at San Lucas Ranch            |
| 11/5        | Club Meeting, 6:30 PM                 |
| 11/22       | T-28 Race San Lucas Ranch             |
| 12/5        | Annual Christmas Party, Harry's Plaza |

## Flying Field Schedule:

San Lucas: Wed, Sat, Sun, holidays: 9AM – 1PM

Elings Park: Daily Sunrise – Sunset

Note: Elings Park requires a park pass (\$125/yr) for usage of the model airstrip, in addition to SBRCM and AMA membership.

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